## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JAMES ALLEN COUTTS,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	8:19CV294
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V.	)	
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STATE OF NEBRASKA,	)	ORDER
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Respondent.	)	
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Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing No. 1) and a Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Filing No. 4). Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 filing fee. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). However, after considering Petitioner's financial status as shown in the records of this court (Filing Nos. 6 and 7), leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted and Petitioner is relieved from paying the filing fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that: Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Filing No. 4) is granted. The next step in this case is for the court to conduct a preliminary review of the habeas corpus petition in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 cases. The court will conduct this review in its normal course of business.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

s/ *Richard G. Kopf*Senior United States District Judge